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In the Claims:

- (First amended) A composition comprising:
- (a) an active ingredient selected from the group consisting of a cosmetically-active ingredient, a pharmaceutically-active ingredient, and mixtures thereof; and
 - (b) metal soap nanoparticles having a mean diameter of from about 10 to 300 nm.